

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A sustained release drug delivery device comprising:

- a) a drug core comprising at least one agent effective in obtaining a diagnostic effect or effective in obtaining a desired local or systemic physiological or pharmacological effect;
- b) an impermeable coating layer impermeable to the passage of said agent adjacent to said drug core that surrounds a portion of said drug core;
- c) a suture tab adhered to and extending from said drug delivery device that is used during surgery to adhere said device to the body of a mammalian organism; and
- d) a permeable polymer coating layer that is made of a similar polymer material as said suture tab, permeable to the passage of said agent that essentially completely covers the impermeable coating layer and the uncoated portion of the drug core that is not coated with said impermeable coating layer; wherein the sustained release delivery device is made by the step of wherein the permeable polymer coating layer is of a similar polymer material as said suture tab and curing both the polymer coating layer and the suture tab have been cured at the same time, bonding to bond both together.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The sustained release drug delivery device according to Claim 1, wherein said suture tab ~~when it is first adhered to said drug delivery device~~, is solid but made of an uncured polymer prior to the step of curing.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn) The sustained release drug delivery device according to Claim 1, wherein said impermeable coating layer b) is a cup and said drug core a) is a solid that is shaped to be inserted into said cup.

Claim 4 (Original) The sustained release drug delivery device according to Claim 1, wherein said inner core comprises a plurality of agents.

Claim 5 (Original) The sustained release drug delivery device according to Claim 1, wherein said inner core comprises an effective amount of a low solubility agent.

Claim 6 (Original) The sustained release drug delivery device according to Claim 1, wherein said agent is selected from a group consisting of immune response modifiers, neuroprotectants, corticosteroids, angiostatic steroids, anti-parasitic agents, anti-glaucoma agents, anti-biotics, anti-sense compounds, anti-angiogenic compounds, differentiation modulators, anti-viral agents, anti-cancer agents, and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The sustained release drug delivery device according to Claim 1, wherein said impermeable coating layer [b)] is made of a polymer or a metal.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Original) The sustained release drug delivery device according to Claim 1, wherein said suture tab has a hole through the proximal end through which a suture can be placed to anchor the device to a structure of a mammalian body.

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (Cancelled)